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SUBJ: CONVERSATION WITH FOREIGN AFFAIRS SECRETARY FOURIE:

NAMIBIA

1. THIS MORNING (JULY 10) I DISCUSSED THE NAMIBIA, RHODESIA, AND MOZAMBIQUE SITUATIONS WITH SECRETARY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS BRAND FOURIE. THIS MESSAGE DEALS WITH NAMIBIA. SEPARATE MESSAGES COVER OTHER TWO TOPICS.

2. FOURIE SAID THAT SAG HOPES TO DO TWO THINGS BEFORE START OF UNGA: REPEAL CERTAIN DISCRIMINATORY LAWS, AND CONVENE CONSTITUTIONAL CONFERENCE, HOPEFULLY WITH ALL GROUPS PARTICIPATING. TWO GROUPS HAVE STILL NOT AGREED TO SEND REPRESENTATIVES: DAMARAS AND CAPRIVIS. THE LATTER WERE ON BOARD BUT IN RECENT SUDDEN MOVE REVERSED COURSE. FOURIE NOTED
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THAT SAG "MAY HAVE TO PROCEED WITHOUT ONE OR TWO."

3. I ASKED WHETHER SAG'S PLANNING FOR CONSTITUTIONAL CONFERENCE CONTEMPLATED SOME KIND OF UN PARTICIPATION (DAMARAS ARE DEMANDING INTERNATIONAL SUPERVISION AS ONE OF CONDITIONS FOR PARTICIPATION). FOURIE ANSWERED THAT SOME THOUGHT HAS BEEN GIVEN TO THIS BUT NO DECISION REACHED. ONE IMPORTANT ASPECT IS WHO SHOULD EXTEND INVITATION: SAG OR CONSTITUTIONAL CONFERENCE ITSELF? HE ADDED SAG WOULD PROBABLY HAVE NO PROBLEM WITH A UN-SYG PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE LIKE DR. ESCHER, BUT WOULD NOT ACCEPT MCBRIDE.

4. IN RESPONSE TO MY QUESTION WHETHER SAG WAS CONTEMPLATING EARLY TERMINATION OF SWA LINK TO SA PARLIAMENT AS PART OF PROCESS TOWARD SELF-DETERMINATION, FOURIE SAID THIS WAS VERY DELICATE ISSUE. HE WOULD GIVE ME AN "ACADEMIC" REPLY: LOGIC OF SELF DETERMINATION PROCESS CALLED FOR SUCH A STEP BUT TIMING WOULD HAVE TO AWAIT EVENTS. IN SUBSEQUENT REMARKS HE IMPLIED MOST IMPORTANT ELEMENT IN TIMING IS DOMESTIC REACTION IN SOUTH AFRICA AND MOMENT NOT RPT NOT NOW OPPORTUNE.

5. REFERRING TO NEWSPAPER ACCOUNTS OF COMMISSIONER GENERAL JAN DE WET'S MEETINGS WITH REPRESENTATIVES OF MPLA, FNLA AND UNITA (PRETORIA 2564), I ASKED HIM ABOUT LEVEL AND NATURE OF THESE TALKS. FOURIE REPLIED THAT CONVERSATIONS WERE AT LEVEL OF LOCAL BORDER AUTHORITIES ONLY. ANGOLAN GROUPS, CONCERNED AT EXODUS OF PEOPLE CARRYING ANYTHING TRANSPORTABLE AND SALEABLE, INCLUDING ARMS, ASKED FOR COOPERATION OF SWA SUTHORITIES TO HELP PREVENT ILLEGAL OUTFLOW. FOURIE SAID SAG IS PREPARED TO COOPERATE IN SUCH MATTERS AS IT HAS WITH FRELIMO IN SIMILAR SITUATION ON MOZAMBIQUE BORDER. FOURIE ADDED THAT COMMISSIONER GENERAL COMMITTED SERIOUS INDISCRETION IN TALKING TO PRESS WHICH HAS BLOWN STORY ALL OUT OF PROPORTION CREATING PROBLEM DOMESTICALLY FOR PRIME MINISTER AS WELL AS IN RELATIONSHIP WITH ANGOLAN LIBERATION GROUPS.

6. IN RESPONSE TO MY QUERY ABOUT SWAPO GUERILLA THREAT AS DESCRIBED IN RECENT PUBLIC STATEMENT BY BRIGADIER MARAIS, COMMANDER SAG FORCES IN SWA (PRETORIA 2475), FOURIE SAID THIS WAS ANOTHER CASE OF AN OFFICIAL TALKING OUT OF TURN WITH CONFIDENTIAL

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EMBARRASSING CONSEQUENCES FOR THE GOVERNMENT. FOURIE CLAIMED THAT MARAIS DID NOT KNOW OF WHAT HE SPOKE. SAG ESTIMATES THAT ABOUT 2,000 OVAMBOS HAVE LEFT REGION OVER PAST YEAR OR SO. SOME OF THESE MAY HAVE GONE INTO GUERILLA TRAINING BUT AT PRESENT TIME THERE IS NO GUERILLA THREAT ALONG BORDER OF ANGOLA OR ZAMBIA. HE VOLUNTEERED THAT SHOULD MPLA EMERGE AS WINNER IN ANGOLAN CONTEST, SITUATION MIGHT BE DIFFERENT.

7. COMMENT: EMBOFF RECENTLY RETURNED FROM WINDHOEK LEARNED THAT WHITE AUTHORITIES INTENT ON BEGINNING TALKS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AND THAT ATTEMPTS WILL BE MADE TO REMOVE RECALCITRANT DAMARAS LEADERS VIA NEW ELECTION. HOWEVER, AS SUCH ELECTION MAY TAKE SOME TIME TO CALL, PRABABILITY IS THAT TALKS WILL PROCEED WITHOUT ALL GROUPS REPRESENTED. WINDHOEK SOURCES STATED THAT DR. ESCHER HAS VISITED NAMIBIA WITHIN PAST MONTH "IN PRIVATE CAPACITY." SWA LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY EXECUTIVE COUNCIL CHAIRMAN DIRK MUDGE ALSO SPOKE OF PLANS FOR SPECIAL SESSION OF ASSEMBLY IN SEPTEMBER TO CONSIDER REPEAL OF SOME RACE DISCRIMINATION LAWS.
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